

DIARY 3 (PART A)

ADDENDUM

Diary of Alfred Welton,
9th Indiana Volunteers,
1861 Aug. 14 - Nov. 23

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Extracts from
Alf. Welton's Diary,
of the Great American
Rebellion, commencing
August 14th 1861, and end-
ing Octr. 17th 1862.

W. Thomas & W. C. Bullough
Lieut. Geo. D. 1st Md. Balln. Infly.
Hanover Junction
Dec. 27 1863

Wednesday August 11th 1863

Colonel Milroy's 9th Ind
commenced fortification
Camp Colfax. LaPorte Ind

Capt. J. A. Mearns
Lieut. J. H. J. T. Mearns
Camp Colfax Ind

Tuesday August 27th 1861.

The Regiment was mustered into the service of the United States by Lieut. Col. Thos. J. Wood M. S. A. The companies were all represented except Co. E.

Thursday August 29th 1861.

The citizens of Laporte made a most splendid Pic Nic for the 9th Ind. in appreciation of the brave and noble men who were thus willing to peril their lives for the restoration of the Union.

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Sunday September 1st 1861

Raining the greater portion of the day. The Regiment had an opportunity morning of hearing a sermon by Rev. Mr. Andrews, and again in the afternoon by Rev. Mr. Noyes.

Wednesday Sept. 4th 1861

The uniforms for the Regiment commenced arriving via M. S. & N. E. R.R. The Ladies of La Porte assembled at Huntman Hall eve for the purpose of trimming the uniforms for the men. Every pair of pants to have a green chord down the outer seam of each leg, and clackette to have green mering on the collars and green chords on cuffs and

Thursday September 5th 1861.

Huntman's Hall was filled all day with the fair ones of LaPorte, and the incessant chattering of scissors and the busy fingers flying the needle gave evidence of the patriotism of the ladies of LaPorte.

Friday September 6th 1861.

An excursion train on the Cin. & Chicago R.R. brought up quite a number to visit the camp and their friends.

Saturday September 7th 1861.

A very large excursion train on the M., D. & N. I. R.R. came in A.M. to visit the camp and

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Received marching orders for reg-
iment A. M. but they were counter-
manded before night. The officers
generally, and a great many of the
men attended Soldiers Festival ev-
ing at Huntington Hall, and all pro-
nounced it a very fine affair.

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Thursday September 12th 1861.

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friends.

Nearly all the Co. officers were
busy day in making out mus-
twin rolls. Very few made
out correct ones first time.

Friday Sept. 15th 1861.

Was writing nearly all day in
Col. Milroy's quarters. Went to
"Esogarden" even to assist in
making out the Muster-in Papers.
Orders came evening for the
Regiment to proceed to West
ern Virginia immediately.

Saturday Sept. 16th 1861.

The Regiment marched by
platoons through the streets
of La Porte A.M. to the De-
pot and at 12 1/2 P.M. we
bid adieu to Camp Colfax and
the pleasant town and fair
ladies of La Porte. Upon our
arrival in Toledo we found
plenty of hot coffee, bread and
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Sunday Sept. 15. 1861.

From Cleveland we came to
Wellsville via Cleveland & Pittsburg
R.R. where we sat dinner, after
which we came to Belvoir.
Here we crossed the river
by Ferry, and for the first time
set foot on the "Sacred soil"
of the Old Dominion, in Ben-
swood. About 3 o'clock P.M.
we embarked on Board battle
cars on the Baltimore and Ohio
R.R. and started for Grafton

Monday Sept. 16, 1861.

Arrived at Grafton at 5 o'clock
P.M.

ster a distance of one hundred and six miles from Greenwood. At Webster we spread our tents to permit them to dry, they being wet from the rain which fell the morning we left Laporte. After receiving a portion of our equipment we left Webster at 11 A.M. and marched a distance of twelve miles to Phillipa, where we encamped for the night.

Tuesday Sept. 17. 1861.

We left Phillipa at 8 o'clock A.M. and took dinner within our old entrenchments on Laurel Hill. Marched through the enemy's old camp, and some of old skirmish, and saw now and then an evidence of the

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Left Laporte when took dinner a short rest march. six miles a day

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We left at 7 1/2 o'clock Huttons the

over Laurel Mountain, we came
to Leading Creek where we en-
camped for the night. Having
marched twenty four miles,
nearly the entire distance thro'
a driving rain.

Wednesday Sept. 18. 1861..

Left Leading Creek at 7 1/2 A.M.
when it was still raining. Ate
dinner at Beverly, and after a
short rest again proceeded on our
march. Encamped for the night
six miles south of Beverly, after
a day march of eighteen miles..

Thursday Sept. 19. 1861..

We left our camping ground at
7 1/2 o'clock A.M. passing through
Huttonsville we eat our dinners

river. We arrived in camp
at 2 1/2 o'clock P.M. 1 1/2 miles
from our breast works. The en-
tire distance marched in four
days is sixty nine miles.

Friday Sept. 20. 1861.

Very pleasant day. Nothing
particular was done aside
from perfecting the camp
policing &c.

Wednesday Sept. 25th 1861.

The 9th with several other Regi-
ments receiving marching orders.
At two o'clock P.M. The camp
was nearly vacant.

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Thursday Sept. 26th 1861.

The forenoon was quite pleas-
ant but a cold drizzling
rain commenced falling
near night, and nearly all
of the troops were exposed to it
on the barren summit of Great
Mountain.

Friday Sept. 27th 1861.

Rained all day and night
incessantly and citizens said
they had not known of such
swollen streams before in years.
The sufferings among the troops
caused by the cold chilly rain,
was terrible and many seemed
on the point of perishing. Sev-
eral of the horses died for
want of food and shelter.

Saturday Sept. 28th 1861.

The morning was still cold and storming, and the suffering among the troops, from being so long exposed in wet clothing was intense. The afternoon was partially clear, and every face showed their joy at their release from what appeared must prove death to many, unless they could once more enjoy the heat of the sun and dry their soaked clothing.

Sunday Sept. 29th 1861.

The day was quite pleasant when compared with the storm and cold of the few days previous. The regiment was encamped near the Cheat River Bridge, awaiting orders to march.

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Monday Sept. 30th 1861.

The Regiment still remained
in camp without any or-
ders to move.

Tuesday Oct. 1st 1861.

Still in camp, expecting every
moment that marching or-
ders would be received.

Wednesday Oct. 2^d 1861.

The P. M. at length brought the
order to march on the enemy's
camp at Greenbriar. The troops
marched but a short distance
however, and went into camp
for the night.

Thursday Octr. 3^d 1864.

Gen. Reynolds "Reconnois-
ance in force" occurred, and
what should have proved a
victory turned out a mere
farce. Our artillery, under
Loomis, Baum and How. ex-
hausted all their ammunition.
but we scarcely fired a mus-
ket during the engagement.
Col. Milroy and all other fight-
ing officers were very much
exasperated at the snare
set in which the battle (!) was
(not) conducted. The number
of our forces engaged was
about seven thousand, that
of the rebels supposed to be
something less. Our loss was
Eleven killed and eleven
wounded. That of the enemy
was undoubtedly larger.

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Friday October 4th 1861.

The Regiment returned to
camp Elk Water, and almost
every one had his tale of
hair breadth escapes to relate.

Saturday Octr. 5th 1861.

A great number of the boys
were quite lame, and disa-
bled by their hardships and
exposures, truly the most severe
yet sustained by any troops
during the war.

Wednesday Octr. 9th 1861.

In obedience to orders we
left camp Elk Water and

Fort Kimball on the Summit of Cheat Mountain. We encamped for the night near the "Travellers Rest," now regarded by our troops for a "Hospital."

Thursday Octr. 10th 1861.

The Regiment got into camp about noon, and pitched their tents on a very rocky precipitous hill side. Col. Mitroy assumed command as a Brig. General.

Friday Octr. 11th 1861.

All of the troops not engaged in guard duty, were busy in preparing their tents and fixing things generally. The cold weather.

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Saturday Oct. 12th 1861.

Nearly all of the troops were
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stone, which was to be found
in immense quantities on every
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Wednesday Oct. 16th 1861.

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Monday Oct. 21st 1861.

Was detailed by order of Gen.
Milroy as Brigade Clerk.

Head Quarters. Some of
the 32^d Ohio Boys brought
in "Ben. Summit", a quite
intelligent contraband, who
deserted from the rebel camp,
and was installed as one of
the servants at Head Quarters.

Wednesday Oct. 23^d 1861.

The weather was intensely cold
I. M. Maj. Bell and five
companies went out on a scout-
ing expedition ev. with the in-
tention of taking some prison-
ers and making other captures,
nearly in the rear of the rebel
camp at Greenbrier.

Thursday Oct. 24th 1861.

The major and party returned, having captured one rebel, eight head of horses and thirty nine cattle, without any loss on our side. The party of the enemy with whom they expected to meet were not to be found.

Saturday Oct. 26th 1861.

Gen. Milroy and Maj. Bell (his volunteer aide) went down to the valley to see Gen. Sumner and Reynolds, and see if the "powers that be" would soon make another "reconnaissance in force" on the enemy at Camp Barton.

Sunday Oct. 27th 1861.

The General returned eve,
having found Gen. Dumont
ready and willing to "join the
expedition," but Gen. Reynolds
was very indifferent, and seem-
ed disposed of a very large
amount of extreme prudence.

Tuesday Oct. 29th 1861.

Maj. Bell and four compan-
ies went out eve. to drive in
the enemy pickets, and give
them a realizing sense of our
nearness.

Wednesday Oct. 30th 1861.

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Novr. 3^d to Novr. 9th 1861.

Rain or snow every day and mud everywhere almost impassable.

Monday Novr. 11th 1861.

Maj. Bell left Head Quarters

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Tuesday Novr. 12th 1861.

- Lieut. Wm O. Coarvens became
one of Gen's military family
- in capacity of Aid de Camp.

Monday Novr. 18th 1861.

The 24th Ohio Vol. was ordered
to Kentucky and Lieut. Geo
M. Bacon went with it, thus
leaving the place of Act. Aft.
Adj. Gen. vacant. Lieut. Coar-
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Friday Novr. 22^d 1861.

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the supposed retreat of the
rebels.

Saturday Nov. 23^d 1861.

The General and about five
hundred men paid a visit to
Camp Barton, which they found
entirely deserted, the enemy hav-
ing left the day previous.
Quite a number continued on
the pike toward Staunton and
found the enemy in force
at Camp Baldwin on the Al-
legany mountain, some nine
miles from their old camp.
Not having sufficient force to
cope with them the General and
party returned, bringing in
one Georgian as a prisoner.